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Commission to Consider New Law School at UC Irvine

SACRAMENTO — March 16, 2007 — The California Postsecondary Education Commission will consider at its March 20-21 meeting a proposal to establish a new public law school at the University of California, Irvine. Presently, California is served by four public law schools and 15 private law schools that are approved by the American Bar Association (ABA).

The Commission is statutorily responsible for making recommendations to the Governor and Legislature regarding the need for new academic and professional degree programs. The Commission's program review responsibilities are intended to help ensure that:

- public resources are spent wisely;
- new programs will meet student and societal needs; and
- programs will have desired educational and social consequences.

The full report, with a staff recommendation not to approve the new school, can be found at http://www.cpec.ca.gov/Agendas/Agenda0703/Item_04.pdf.

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The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. The Commission's primary focus is to ensure that the state's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities.